

Brown emerges victorious as new ASSAC leader; forum draws few

After the campaign trail dust cleared, it was Paul Brown who emerged as ASSAC president while Lucy Diaz was elected vice president during ASB elections held last week.

Brown gave some of his plans and proposals for next year at the Student Forum held last Monday.

He emphasized that communication would be important during his administration and explained some of his ideas.

One would be a newsletter to inform students concerning actions and meetings of the student government.

Another proposal is to divide the Commissioner of Communication's work load by creating a new position in the area of communications.

One proposed office is Administrative Posting, which would be responsible for posting material on kiosks, bulletin boards, and other areas on the campus.

This would free the Communication Commissioner to serve as a public relations service to the students. He would also be responsible for writing the newsletter.

co-op and wanted better communication on campus.

Bergsetter said that the co-op was an idea that "had been around for awhile," but that students did not know what the co-op was, indicating that there was a lack of communication between leaders and students and that lack was one of the things prompting the forum.

After defining the co-op, Bergsetter said that he felt it was in the hands of students and could only be possible if there were sufficient student interest.

Afterwards, the student officers answered questions about finances, ASB cards and student apathy.

President-elect Brown had run a unique campaign as he used a stereo to play music interrupted by messages to "Vote for Paul Brown."

However, Dave Vetter, one of his opponents for president, thought some of Brown's campaign tactics were not unique, but violations of campaign procedures, and threatened to call for a new election.

Vetter charged that Brown had defaced a poster which is a violation of the publicity code.



FIRST-TIME FORUM -- Not since 1974 has an open forum been held by ASSAC officers to hear thoughts, ideas and input on future activities from

the student body. Brian Bergsetter, journalism major, (standing front), put this concept back into use last Monday. A total of 32 students attended.

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Brown also said that pushing ASB card sales will be another primary objective.

A sparse attendance of only 32 students heard Brown speak during the open forum. Many of them were ASSAC officers.

Chris Miller, present ASSAC president, opened the forum with a student welcome and spoke about accomplishments of his two semester term as student government leader.

He felt SAC had another successful homecoming and mentioned the popularity of the goldfish swallowing contest.

The ASSAC president also discussed the Country Fair and praised the Inter-Club Council (ICC) for coordinating the affair.

Miller then introduced Brian Bergsetter, originator of the forum, as a student who was interested in forming a food

Brown was also accused of influencing an individual to vote who did not have an ASB card on his person, a violation of the election code.

The losing candidate also attacked Brown because he used false endorsements. Later, Vetter withdrew his charges.

"If felt I was defeated, so why fight it?" Vetter said with a smile.

Another person smiling is Lucy Diaz, because she was elected vice president. Although the vice president elect ran on a ticket with presidential challenger Darlene Jacobson, Diaz feels Brown and she can work together.

Winners for seven senate seats are Stan Magill, Laura Miller, Pam Kutsunai, Robert Naughton, Susan Nakamura, Peggy Killian and Bill Arentz.

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Minority hiring policy questioned by faculty

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series examining SAC's Affirmative Action Policy.

by Dave Busch

Charges that the SAC administration has failed to fulfill its duty to implement an Affirmative Action program in "all good faith" have recently been voiced by some faculty members.

Several faculty members have declined to serve on the Affirmative Action Committee, a staff and faculty advisory board organized to "overcome the effects of systematic institutional forms of exclusion and discrimination of women and ethnic minorities."

Stated history instructor Jo Ann McKim, "They (the administration) have not shown good faith and I have declined to participate in the committee because I don't want my presence to give it some sort of legitimacy."

Other faculty members who have told el DON that they will not serve on the board for similar reasons include art history professor Shifra Goldman, counselor Lee Ramirez and instructors Maria Hernandez, John Velasquez, Jose Espinosa and Mary Wood.

Meanwhile, considerable support for the program has been found among other faculty members. Said Assistant Dean of Humanities Jerome Hunter, "When I went to school here during the early sixties we were protesting over these very same things. I can remember, not too long ago, when SAC didn't have one ethnic minority on the faculty."

When asked if he was satisfied with the present progress being made by the program, President John Johnson replied, "Yes. I

think we have made significant... significant progress in Affirmative Action."

Statistics published by the district in its Affirmative Action Plan show that the period of high growth between 1971 and 1974 saw the number of minorities, including women, increase an average of 120.4% while the category of others-white rose only 55.3%.

As of May 1975, the percentage of minorities, including women, employed in the RSCCD met or surpassed the related percentages in the county work force and was found to be significantly below par only in the employment of blacks on the state level of comparison. The only other major discrepancy was in the area of Spanish surname-language employees, who represent 10.4 per cent of the school employees while they represent 17.2 per cent of the district's available labor force.

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SHORTAGE SOLUTION -- Jane McNeal (r) of the Southern California Gas Company gives some energy saving tips to computer science major

Kazem Hashemi in the gas company's mobile exhibit that visited the campus this week.

(photo by Mike Smith)

Campus News Briefs

THE COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE has elected Robert Anderson, English instructor, to succeed Dr. Elizabeth Lewis, Chairman of the Dept. of Child Development, as president of the body.

SAC STUDENT PAUL GERTON, 20, has earned an appointment to West Point Academy.

Gerton, a mathematics major, will receive his A.A. degree in June with a 3.5 GPA.

He was nominated for the appointment by Congressman Charles Wiggins of the 39th District. He will join the new cadet class of 1,400 on July 6.

Gerton worked part-time as a lab assistant in the Chemistry Dept.

"THE GODFATHER," STARRING MARLON BRANDO, will be shown in Phillips Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. The film is free and rated R.

NO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION checks will be mailed out to students enrolled in VA education programs, even though students may be attending classes next month, said John Miller, director of the VA regional office in Los Angeles.

The Veterans Education Employment Assistance Act of 1976 eliminates prepayment of monthly allowances for VA trainees, effective June 1.

New procedures for advance payment also are effective June 1. Advance payment at the beginning of a school semester, for the first month or partial month, plus the following month, will be made only if the school agrees to process advance payment and the student requests it in writing from the school. Previously, advance payment was automatic with enrollment.

Because of the elimination of the prepayment provision, students who receive advance payment this September will not be issued their next check until December 1.

ANY STUDENT WITH A locker in the Business Department area (Building A) on campus should be aware that construction will begin there next month and all lockers have to be emptied by June 10.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE ANY scholarship other than a State Scholarship are asked to notify Jim Bears in the Counseling Office. Your name and the amount of the award will be added to the annual '77-'78 SAC Scholarship Brochure. This lists any scholarship money that you have received or will be receiving from another college or university.

The SAC Student Art Show will open for viewing with a reception Tuesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. in the Humanities Building -- Reader's Theater will give a special performance entitled, "Salesmanship" during the annual event.

Bucolic event plans finished by council

by Nancy Lejeune

The country fair is almost here, with a variety of food to appease the appetite and events to tickle the fancy. Next Wednesday and Thursday, May 25 and 26, are the days the event is slated.

Various booths open at 9 a.m. Alpha Sigma Chi will sell "steak on a stake." ASSAC is having a rummage sale; the Chess Club will have a checker contest between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Health Center/Pre-Med Club will conduct self-hypnosis and Dental Hygienist demonstrations.

Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) will offer raffle tickets for sale, and hold an apple bob. At 9:30 a.m. AGS will hold its Paper Airplane Flight contest.

Art items will be on sale between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The

artist is Manuel H. Trujillo. Children's art will also be on view, as Early Childhood Education holds its "Children at Work" art display by students of Fremont Elementary School.

At 10 a.m. DISSAC holds its anticipated wheelchair race, beginning the club's "wheelchair awareness day." Among those

Wheelchair Day also to be held --

able-bodied people who will be spending part of the day in wheelchairs are SAC President John E. Johnson, 10-11 a.m.; Dr. Clarence Lee, 10-11 a.m.; and during the hours 10-noon are Counselor Richard Bartholomew, Dean Neil Rogers, Dr. Dean R. Strenger, Dr. Dorothy J. Farmer, and Director

of Student Activities Don McCain.

Also participating will be Instructors John Schmitz, Harold Forsythe, Theodora Edwards, Jose Espinosa, George Wright, Dan Hohnaker, Don Sneedon and Dr. Lee Dryden.

The purpose of "wheelchair awareness day" is to afford an opportunity for able-bodied persons to experience some of the difficulty experienced by disabled students who are confined to wheelchairs.

Other attractions will include the Concert Choral Gong Show, Circle K Soda Saloon and the continuing booths of the other clubs. On Thursday, May 26, the Latter Day Saints Club will enliven the fair at 11:30 with "Showdown at the SAC Corral."

Libertarian leader Lefevre to speak at SAC May 27

by Sean Reily

Robert Lefevre, a key figure in the west-coast Libertarian movement, will apply his beliefs to the topic of "Good Government: Hope or Illusion?" in a speech at SAC on Friday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Libertarian belief is that man has the right to be self-ruling and independent. In short, their doctrine states that a man has the right to do anything he

wants to with his life, liberty and property so long as it does not interfere with others.

A Libertarian 'owns himself' and supports the principles of non-aggression and would like others to treat him in the same way.

Lefevre began his career working in radio and television in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale area. In 1954 he went to the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, where he began to publish his ideas as an editorial writer. The Freedom Newspaper Chain, which owns the Colorado paper and the Santa Ana Register, supported his editorials.

Lefevre founded a school in Colorado that gave seminars on individualism and free-market economics. In the '60s he moved

this school to Fourth Street in Santa Ana and renamed it Rampart College. Lefevre has since retired from the school and entered the college lecture circuit. He currently publishes his own journal quarterly, "Lefevre's Journal."

His speech is sponsored by the Society for Libertarian Life, a non-profit organization, founded at Cal State Fullerton. The local chapter of the SLL has over 600 members and is just an outpost for a national organization.

Robert Lefevre, whose grandson is a former SAC student and el DON staff member, will make his presentation in lecture hall W-101. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$2.

Racial job hiring questioned by staff

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screening Committee, is that the Affirmative Action Officer, who is supposed to direct the active recruitment of minorities while stating there must be no discrimination in hiring or promotion, has been combined with the position of Personnel Director -- the very office it is supposed to oversee.

Personnel Director Ernest Norton disagreed that he was responsible only to himself. He notes that, in fact, he is responsible to the SAC President Dr. Johnson and, ultimately, the Board of Trustees.

Still the critics persist, "The way the system is set up," said one, "it is possible to comply with all the rules, while at the same time insuring that whoever they (the Administration) want

will get that position." SAC administrators during interviews have conceded that such maneuvers are possible.

Said Dean of Academic Affairs Richard Sneed at one point, "all Affirmative Action adds up to is a statement of intent."

Asks another administrator, who sees the criticism as coming from a minority of the total faculty, "How can you prove good faith?"

That there is discontent and sometimes highly personal clashes over the existing situation is acknowledged by

both sides of the issue. Johnson explained that no matter what the administration does there is going to be criticism. He said, "But I'm not going to stay awake at night over those kind of complaints."

A spokesperson for the faculty senate, who saw most of their majority recommendations to the board incorporated into the Affirmative Action program, assessed the majority view as "disagreeing with only a few" appointments under the system. "But every year there is one big issue, last year it was the Affirmative Action, this year it's something else -- maybe next year we'll look at Affirmative Action."

Travel

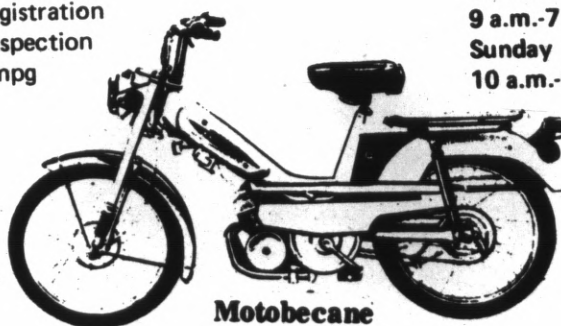
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Editorial

SAC elections end; foul play protested

el DON congratulates all the newly-elected ASSAC officers who will soon have their chance to play the game of politics this coming fall.

This election, unlike many other SAC elections, was full of enthusiasm. Campaign literature, smiling faces, persuasive arguments, were examples of the active crusades by the various candidates.

el DON applauds those individuals who displayed an anti-apathetic spirit on SAC's campus last week.

Unfortunately, not all who run for office get elected. And of course, those who do win are jubilant and the losers are filled with remorse and, occasionally, bitterness, as was the case with David Vetter, an unsuccessful candidate for president.

Vetter, after hearing the election results, decided to protest and wanted a recall election for the presidency. He declared that president-elect Paul Brown had violated campaign procedures on three different counts.

--1. Violation in the publicity code no. 4, "defacing posters." Brown admittedly had written on a poster that belonged to another candidate. Brown apologized.

--2. Violations in the election code no. 9. Wednesday night, the last night to vote, Brown tried to persuade Wanda Durand, commissioner of justice, to let a student vote who claimed he owned an ASB card, but did not have it with him. Voices were raised, and Durand gave in, but she ended up voiding the vote anyway. Brown apologized.

--3. False endorsements by two different candidates on flyers printed in Brown's name. Two students, Peggy Killian, ASSAC senator, and John Leech, interested student, were listed as supporters of Brown, when actually they were neutral. Apparently there was a misunderstanding. Brown apologized.

After Vetter's letter of protest had been submitted to Don McCain, director of Student Activities, the issues were quietly dropped. Brown was named the official ASSAC president for the fall semester of '77.

Although Vetter had every right to voice his disapproval of Brown's tactics, el DON does not believe any of the grievances were really that critical. Brown was and should have been reprimanded for his actions, but it should have stopped there. As far as the election went, the people had made their choice.

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Analysis

by Sean Reilly

Last week, an analysis appeared in el DON citing examples of how certain departments of the college supposedly have not lived up to their responsibilities toward the students.

An investigation into the situation proves that the SAC staff is by no means the only one to blame. The students also

This is the 2nd of a 2-part series on Counselors.

must help shoulder responsibility if they wish their time spent to have been worthwhile.

As far as the counseling center goes, they are in a very delicate situation. When they guide people properly and send them on their way, nothing is heard of their deed. But when they make one error, this is brought to full attention and they are highly criticized for it.

Deirdre West

Your acceptance of others will bring out character

Friends are usually made because a person is liked, aren't they? Then why do we all turn around and try to change that person to what we think they would be?

Of all the subjects that baffle me in dealing with humanity, this is one of the worst. Starting as young kids, and for many of us until death, we play our game of destruction with the human mind.

This most delicate of instruments, an undefinable wonder -- man's mind, not his brain -- gives the unique quality to his personality. If this part of an individual is tampered with, or unwillingly altered to fit the supposed ideals of someone

They are human and will make mistakes, but they feel there are ways undergraduates can aid in helping themselves.

This begins when the students are first enrolling at the SAC campus. During the registration period, orientation sessions are held to get people headed in the right direction in furthering their education. A guidance course, which is no longer mandatory, exposes the various facilities of the school to first semester pupils. By the end of this class, the student should be familiarized with the counseling center, and should also know the procedures to properly use it.

Another important aspect is finding out the admission requirements of the institution you plan to attend after SAC, an item found by those students who do consult the catalog. Each counselor is furnished with a list of transferable classes to four-year schools, and are

available for consultation by appointment.

In the event of an error by the SAC Counseling Center, they will take full responsibility as far as this school goes. They have no jurisdiction on other campuses.

When a student feels he is having trouble with a teacher, a personal confrontation often proves the staff member to be very cooperative. If this isn't beneficial, tutors are available in the Learning Center for almost every subject.

Athletics are a unique situation. Coaches feel the student - athlete shouldn't put such emphasis on sports. However, they realize that this is often done. Decisions, such as the ones they make, are purely judgements.

by everyone. It only makes sense for students to prepare themselves as well as possible to avoid these mishaps.



Opinions from the Public

Voting, welfare

Citizens rights must be paid for

Dear Editor:

Walking to the cafeteria after a class, I was approached with, "Do you have an ASB card?" I quite readily replied "no" or "uh-uh" or some other negative-type response. Then I was told, or perhaps it was just an observation made out loud, "Oh, you can't vote." At first I gave this bit of information no real thought, but then it dawned on me -- "Ah, ha! In this sub-culture called Santa Ana College, I am a non-citizen! Why? Easy! Because I did not pay ten dollars, or whatever, to become a citizen!"

Here I am now realizing that at any moment someone may ask me for my "green card" and I shall be deported to Orange Coast College, or some other institution of learning. Where, again I may be deported to somewhere else.

I truly am not a facetious person, sarcastic; yes! I just want to say, as an illiterate non-citizen of SAC, I feel I should be able to

vote anyway! I may pay taxes on the "outside" as an indirect way to get the "right to vote," but they sure don't charge me to register.

Susan Sarno

Public assistance a fine system

Dear Editor:

In rebuttal to the editorial (editor's column - Deirdre West) of the May 6 issue of el DON, I wish to state that in most cases in the United States people do make their own way.

If you were in a car accident would you have enough money in the bank to pay all your medical bills for the next decade, plus your normal living expenses?

I am handicapped and have been for the past 30 years. I held a job for 22 years, paying social security taxes, income taxes, both state and federal, and was told many times during that period that I was doing an exceptionally good job and received many promotions and pay raises. I don't want to hold the same type of job as the "average Joe Blow, with his

average health . . . average mentality." I held an above-average type of job production control and inventory schedule. I am capable

of giving orders and am an originator and a starter and my grade point average is 3.47.

I believe in capitalism and feel that the person who produces more should get more, but I also believe that, to a certain point, we are our brother's keeper and that a small portion of the wealth of those that have should help make life bearable for those who do not have because they cannot reap the benefits of doing for themselves.

Of course there are a small percentage of people receiving monies who are not really eligible for the benefits they are receiving, but should the vast majority be denied aid because of a few cheats?

I am strongly opposed to your inference that people who receive welfare are lazy and parasitic, and I feel you owe your readers an apology.

Marjorie Ann Storms

Religious release time examined

The following articles are arguments for and against the bill AB 569 (release time) that was recently approved in California's Assembly. This bill would authorize governing boards maintaining high schools to permit pupils in grades 9 through 12 to be absent up to 20 hours a month or one hour per day to attend religious classes off-campus.

Point

'Let my people go' plead worshipers

by Dave Busch

State Legislators can be excused for ignoring Emily Post's advice that one should never attempt to discuss politics, but mixing it with the subject of religion is the ultimate faux pas.

Some lawmakers in Sacramento seem to be trying to gain political mileage in an over-blown campaign against an assembly bill that would give high school students

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up to 20 hrs per month "release time" for religious instruction.

Recently, Assemblyman, Ron Cordova (D-El Toro) voiced his objections to AB

taco stand. One legislator labeled it the "hooky bill," but the truth is that not only are the students required to do all classwork they might have missed, they must also get a release signed by their parents before they can go off-campus.

The plan is working. The Santa Ana Unified School District reports that there is no truancy problem with the generally devout students taking part in the present release program.

An assistant to Alistar McAlister, the bill's author, noted recently, "Most of the opposition to the bill comes from people who haven't really looked at it."

For some high school students, the bill may guarantee the free exercise of religion that they are being denied by school boards which refuse to allow

Counterpoint

Church and State; sinful combination

by Kim Kavanagh

Article I, section four, of the California Constitution reads, "The legislature shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

It does not read "The legislature can make some laws..." either discouraging or encouraging the establishment of religion, yet the assembly approved a bill on May 5 that would allow schools above the elementary level to excuse students an hour a day for religious study. This is a direct contradiction to the article mentioned above.

Assemblyman Alistar McAlister (D-San Jose) is the author of the unconstitutional bill, AB 569. McAlister said his bill would provide "the need for moral instruction. Schools cannot teach religion and they probably cannot teach religiously flavored morality. Where are

must be off-campus. In a dissenting opinion, Justice Jackson said, "This released time program is founded upon a rise of the stated power of coercion, which for me determines its unconstitutionality."

There is also the case of peer pressure. At the high school level, students are very impressionable. They might go to religious study just because their boyfriend or girlfriend, is going. Fads at this age come and go frequently. It may come down to either being classified "cool" and going off-campus to hear the

"Moral instruction" can be given before or after school hours...

good word, or stay behind and be left out of the action. And not many at this point in their life want to be left out.

It is also logical to assume that school for those students who do not go for



569, which is currently on its way to the Senate with unanimous approval by Assembly Republicans.

Said Cordova, "This bill amounts to state endorsement of religion, and, as a strict constructionist, I voted against it."

"Release time" isn't new, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the concept of giving pupils in public schools time for off-campus religious education since 1952.

In the case *Zorach vs. Clausen*, the court found nothing in the Constitution that prohibits accommodating religion -- only abridging religious freedom or state endorsement of religion is prohibited.

Neither of these are implied in the bill. AB 569 only changes the Education Code to allow up to 20 hours per month instead of the present 4 days each month that students can get a release for off-campus religious instruction.

Under the present wording, no specific limit is set on the number of class hours that a student can be excused from, just a limit of 4 days. The new wording allows for local school boards to set their own limits within the 20 hour maximum.

Other critics claimed that it would put an unrealistic burden on the school to try and insure that the students weren't using the release time to go over to the local

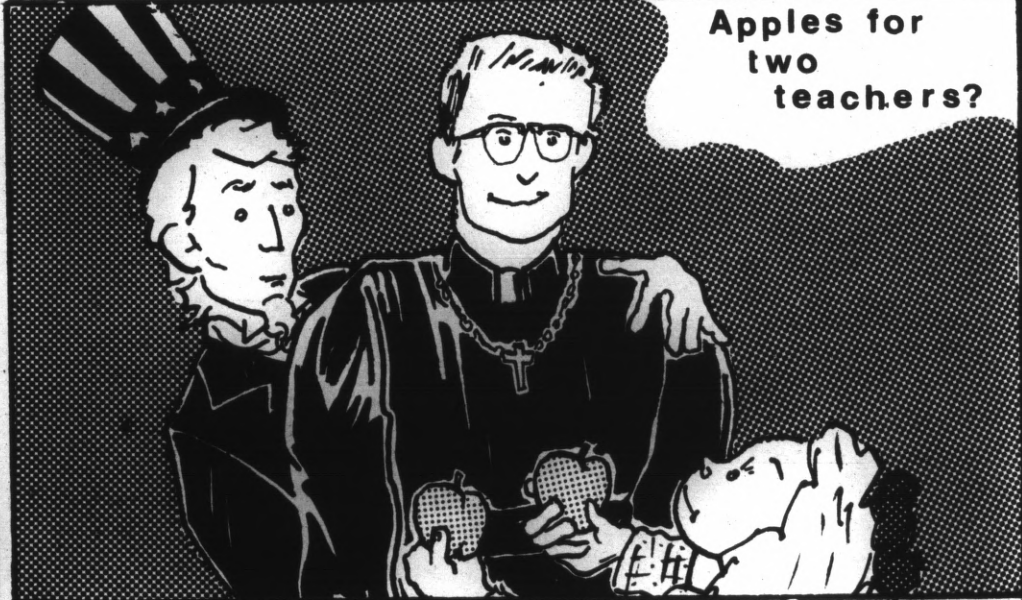
lunch-time "Bible studies" on campus. One Pomona area high school ordered an informal noon-time group to disband their afternoon Bible study and refused

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to allow them off-campus during the noon break.

In the *Zorach* decision, the Supreme Court recognized the founders' hopes that in the new country there would be a wall of separation between church and state, but they also saw that such a worthy ideal taken to extremes would prevent a city fire department from putting out a blazing church. AB 569

stands within the court's wisdom and represents an excellent compromise between the state's need for an educated public, local control in diverse situations and the constitutional right to freedom of worship. The final question arises, "How can people freely worship a God they have never had time to learn about?"



our kids going to get it except release time?"

The answer is simple, anywhere that does not involve the public schools system and release time obviously requires the cooperation of tax-supported schools.

"Moral instruction" can be given before or after school hours or on the week-end. There is no reason to incorporate religious study into a student's class schedule that is supposed to be filled with the basics of education.

This bill, if passed, would help those parents who do not have time or maybe do not want to make the time to use the state's compulsory public school system

"We will not re-establish man's covenant with God by breaking man's covenant with man."

to provide their children with moral instruction. This is a combination of church and state which the establishment clause of the United States Constitution clearly prohibits.

In 1952, a similar case involving release time at a New York school went to the Supreme Court for a decision on its constitutionality. It was found to be constitutional, mainly because of the provision that the religious teachings

religious instruction can become a sort of jail, a closed box, letting only the students who worship a god out. This is definitely government support of religion.

Assemblyman Leroy Greene (D-Sacramento) called the bill "the high-school hooky bill of the year." He questioned the procedures for getting proof of student attendance. "What are you going to do, make them punch a time clock?"

Assemblyman Ron Cordova (D-El Toro), also in opposition to the bill, said, "We will not re-establish man's covenant with God by breaking man's covenant with man." He also stated that the bill "is just making it easier to display pretense of religion, and it subverts the educational system."

AB 569 is presently seeking approval in the Senate Committee on Education. Last year a similar bill died in this committee. Hopefully, there is still some legislators that respect the constitution and will on once again bury it.

Unfortunately, that won't solve all the injustice that has been going on in California. There is already a law now that allows students, up to four hours a month for religious purposes. This isn't as atrocious as 20 hours but it still undermines the constitutions of the U.S. and California.

REVIEW



ONLY BELLBOYS -- (above) Suitably tipped bellboys (l) Scott Chambers, Dave Freshour, Najeh Badawi, and Larry Revelle stand at Mme. Rosepettle's service while Johnathan receives his reward for the day. Johnathan is played by Paul Medaille and the lead role of Mme. Rosepettle is filled by Peggy O'Hara. (l) Johnathan destroys his mother's Venus Flytraps in an act of independence in front of shocked Rosalie, portrayed by Nancy Macias.

(photos by Chris Ablott and Dave Busch)

'Oh Dad' Out of mama's closet

by Dave Busch

The SAC Theatre Arts Department production *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad* is a play for cynics.

Successfully staged under the direction of Thomas Brucks, the play is a farcical psycho-drama in which playwright Arthur Kopit creates two women whose possessive instincts emasculate men.

Madame Rosepettle, the bizarre mother of Johnathan, must manipulate everyone she comes in contact with. She is a Black Widow, mourning the loss of her husband, Albert Edward Robinson Rosepettle III. Mme. Rosepettle has had him stuffed by the taxidermist and carries the departed with the rest of her possessions.

With the character of Rosalie, a scheming babysitter with whom Johnathan falls in love, Kopit takes the adage "I want to marry a woman just like mom" to the extreme. Johnathan is lured into his mother's bed by the seductress with the revealing cry, "I want you to be mine, mine to have, mine to love." Kopit refuses in the end, though, to draw any conclusions from his portrait of the female sex, and the play concludes with the question, "What is the meaning of this?"

The complex staging, opening with a three-and-one half minute title sequence, is done in detail and *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad* is full of surprises, most of all the believability and depth that the cast brings to roles that could have easily become simple spoofs of earlier works.

Peggy O'Hara, who plays the eccentric Mme. Rosepettle, sustains her energy through several long and demanding scenes, her portrayal is inspired craziness.

Paul Medaille, as Johnathan, is equally perfect. He manages to absorb the part of a stuttering hen-pecked son completely.

Nancy Macias' excellent interpretation of Rosalie succeeds in explaining a role that has remained somewhat ambiguous in the play's history.

A completely comic performance is delivered by Russ Chesley as Mme. Rosepettle's would-be lover, Commodore Roseabove.

Joel Strauss is an appropriately stuffy head bellboy.

Scott Chambers, Larry Revelle, Dave Freshour and Najeh Badawi do well as sort of keystone cop bellboys, while Ben Patlian's "Dad" remains somewhat stiff.

Oh Dad . . . opens tonight in Phillips Hall and will continue through May 22.

The Humanization of Space on Tues., Wed. in planetarium

"The challenge of the universe out there is not just for scientists and engineers, it is for all of us.

Kendrick Frazier
Editor, Science News

Two shows will be offered next week at the Tessman planetarium for a two day 'astronomy and planetarium awareness program'.

The show to be offered for student viewing is 'The Humanization of space' talking about the idea of space colonies made with "on the shelf hardware that has already been developed" according to John Goeger, planetarium assistant.

The unusual daytime shows for college students were planned to arouse the awareness, and to sharpen up the interest in

astronomy, according to Goeger.

Some topics to be touched on during the 1/2 hour time period include space colonies and how they would be built, how many people would be needed for colonization, and what would the effect be on interplanetary gravity, rotation and orbiting.

"By the year 2000 or at least by the year 1990's every planet in this solar system will have been photographed. But what practical value is that?" asked Goeger. He then answered himself by saying, none, unless we do something with it. The somethings that can be done with the knowledge now being learned through space probes etc. will be explored and questioned during the time spent in the planetarium.

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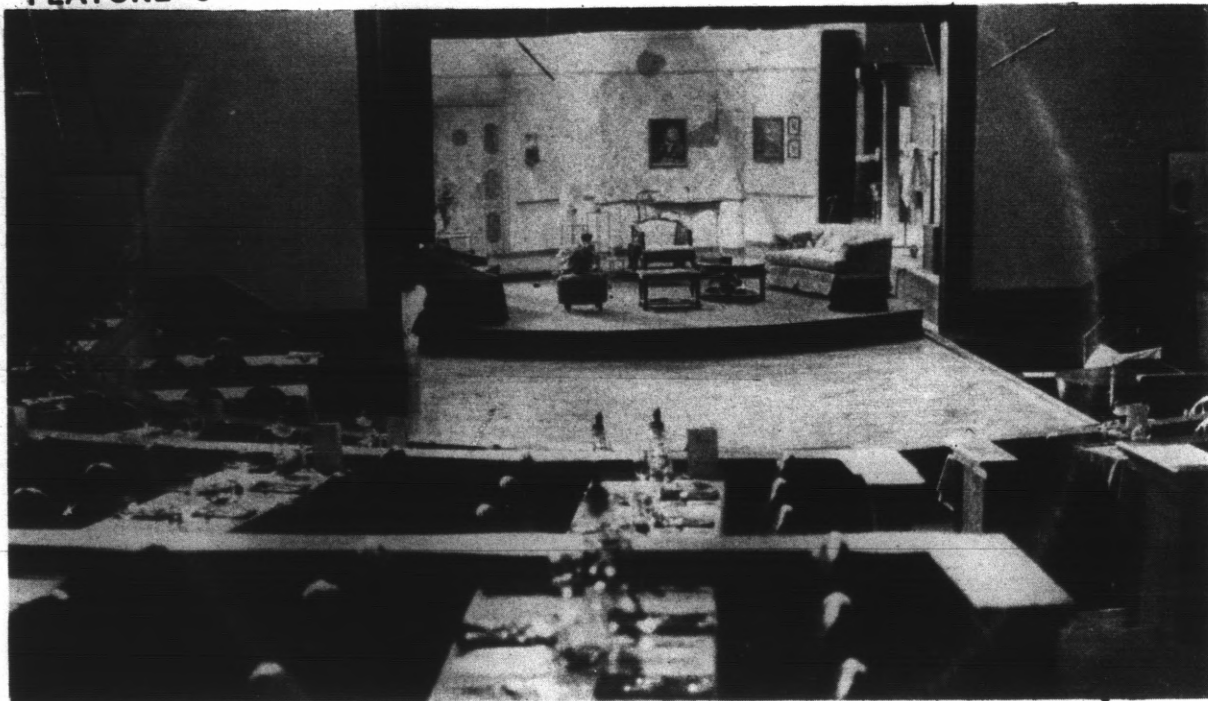
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TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE -- The Harlequin Playhouse offers a buffet-style dinner plus a

professional Broadway play for one price.

(photo by Jeff Barton)

Supper theater in O.C.; couple's dream come true

by Dave Serbin

A brand new night-spot opened in Orange County recently, a brand of entertainment which has earned the label "elegant but surprisingly affordable."

The place is a dinner-playhouse called **Harlequin**, located in south Santa Ana.

For an amazingly low price, a couple, a family or even a small party can enjoy a sumptuous buffet-style dinner plus a professional Broadway play. The dining tables are arranged around the stage so the patrons can view the play right from their dinner seats.

The dinner-playhouse concept was the idea of Al and Barbara Hampton, the hosts of Harlequin. "My husband and I went to a dinner playhouse back east," explained Mrs. Hampton, "and he fell in love with the idea."

But putting the thought into action was not easily accomplished. After five years of travelling to dinner-playhouses throughout the country, the Hamptons realized their dream.

"Al designed everything," Mrs. Hampton continued. "Everything from the chandelier and plush carpeting to the dinner tables and stage."

During its infant stages though, the hostess admitted, "There were a few bugs to work out."

"We were opened one night and had to replace some carpeting because of a broken water pipe," Mrs. Hampton said sadly. "We also wanted to erect a sign on Harbor Boulevard to help the people find us but the city of Santa Ana would not allow it; however, we will devise something," she expressed with confidence.

A unique angle devised by the Hamptons is the young ladies and gentlemen who serve the cocktails and wait on the tables. These youths suddenly turn into entertainers called the **Harlequins**. The Harlequins provide light-hearted music and dance, which is well-choreographed by Orange County's Ray Fittell.

The play currently running at Harlequin is **I Do, I Do** and is

performed by professional actors and actresses. The show will play until May 3 and then will be followed by another comedy, **Natalie Needs a Nighty**.

Mrs. Hampton emphasized that Harlequin is only half-complete. "We are also going to have celebrity boxes for those who wish their own private tables for our presentations," she said. "One of our boxes has already been purchased by John Wayne but anyone can buy a celebrity box."

Harlequin is open Tuesday through Sunday, with a matinee added on Sunday. It is located just off Harbor Boulevard, one mile north of the San Diego Freeway on Juniper Street.

Al Hampton describes Harlequin best in his program, "A truly memorable experience."

Barbara: SAC janitor a jack of all trades

by Nancy Lejeune

Never underestimate the power of a woman, some say -- or her endurance, strength, stamina and versatility. SAC has a female custodian who is just full of surprises.

Barbara Curtis, 33, started work for the college as a custodian on April 26. But cleaning classrooms is not the extent of her abilities. Curtis has been a mail carrier and a cherry picker, and she once worked at a logging camp in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Curtis explained that between 1968 and 1973 she worked as a mail carrier in Brea. Asked why she left that job, she replied, "There was discrimination against women there. The postmaster wanted to get rid of all the women. I was hired in at Brea with two tickets on my driving record. I got my record cleared of those, then unfortunately got two more tickets. So the postmaster yanked my government driver's license so that I could not drive the vehicles."

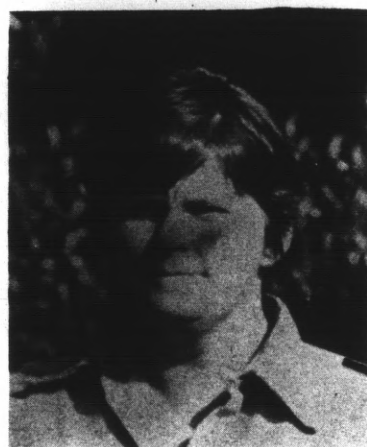
Curtis said that though she was harassed for the tickets, a male employee had a hit-and-run, drunk driving conviction, yet his license was not removed. "So I left the post office and went to Oregon to pick cherries," she continued. "The pay was good for someone who wanted to work."

Curtis has a nine-year-old daughter, who accompanied her wherever she went to work. The custodian maintains that anyone can find work if they want to badly enough. She said that when she worked picking cherries, she became acquainted and friendly with a family, in which, according to Curtis, the father and three teenaged boys earned \$350 per day, just picking and washing cherries.

"I've always done strenuous

work," she went on. "I bought a couple of acres while in Oregon. I worked for the post office in Klamath Falls, but they were not authorized to have another full-time regular, so that job only lasted three months."

Curtis said that while employed by the Oregon logging camp, she operated a chain saw cutting knobs off gigantic trees. There was no problem with discrimination on the job, she maintained. But she "really didn't like being the only woman at the camp."



Barbara Curtis

Curtis is versatile in regard to her hobbies as well. She goes deerhunting for fresh meat -- she cleans and dresses her own kill. She writes non-fiction, plays the guitar and likes to go camping. Curtis belongs to the **Sierra Club**.

Karate is another of her hobbies -- she holds a brown belt. Tennis and golf are yet two more of her hobbies.

Curtis is educated, despite the unusual occupations she has pursued. She attended Fullerton College for three years and went to Brigham Young University for two years. "I plan to go back to school to go out for law. If I can get my law degree and become a lawyer, I'll do that."

Feminist Theater portrays mythical women of media

by Bev Moore

One of Southern California's leading feminist theater groups will be making an hour-long presentation during Women's Awareness Day on Friday, May 27.

Sponsored by the campus' Feminist Consciousness Raising Group and the Women's Center, and co-sponsored by ASB and Community Services, the Orange County Feminist Theater will be entertaining from noon to 1 p.m. in the SAC amphitheater.

Excerpts from Rosalie Gresser Abrams' **Myth America - How Far Have You Really Come, Change the World, We Want to Get On and My Country 'Tis of She** will be presented. Abrams has served as a feminist consultant at Fullerton College, is currently a free-lance

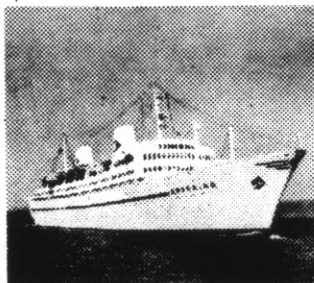
writer, director and lecturer for the feminist movement and recently was one of the 16 Orange County residents selected to tour the Peoples Republic of China in 1976.

"Before we can make any changes, we must know what it is we want to change. I'm calling attention to the cultural and historical conditioning of women and men to sexism," is the path that Abrams chooses to take within the feminist movement.

Her plays reflect her thoughts using humor, poems, song and dance and quotes to awaken both sexes to the movement surrounding them today. And, hopefully, to dispel the misconceptions that persons may have about it.

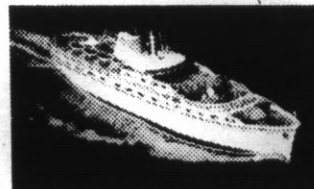
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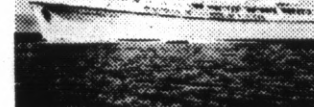
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Golfers 9th best

The tradition continues. state as they placed high Coach Arlin Pirtle's golf last Monday. SAC has team once again broke been among the best 18 the top 10 barrier in the of 20 years.

by Victor Cota

The wind "was blowing at speeds up to 40 m.p.h., the "greens were hard" and the course was set up like the U.S. Open . . . enough to spoil the state golf tournament . . . enough to spoil SAC's golfers' dreams.

"We weren't mentally prepared. We couldn't do it," Coach Arlin Pirtle said frankly after his bunch had failed to claim the top notch at the state tourney on Monday and finished in ninth place.

Grossmont College, the runner-up to SAC in the South Coast Conference, claimed the crown with a 78.8 Southwestern, another San Diego County school, placed second with a 79.9. Fresno was third with an 80.0. The Dons fired an 81.9.

"We had been playing at 76.5. But the wind was unbearable, really. It didn't give anybody any chance," the mentor claimed "For a bunch of college players, it (the course and the wind) wasn't fair at all. But that's golf.

"We're not making excuses. We just didn't play good."

Nevertheless, SAC finished among the top 10 teams in California for the 18th time in 20 years. Last season, the Dons concluded play in eighth place.

"Whenever you can qualify in the top 10 in the state, you are

good," Pirtle stated. He then added, "In golf, you win the ratings, you just don't get them. Nothing is bestowed. You must shoot the score."

Sophomore Lew Cooper, the SCC's top player, was a tourney medalist as he shot a 78-78, six over his 75 average.

Cooper's league MVP award extended the perfect streak of most valuable players from SAC. Since Pirtle can remember, the best SCC player trophy has been given to a SAC golfer. Rick Diavl has been the only two-time

winner Pirtle has coached. Marty Morganelli, the only other player who will graduate along with Cooper, won the coveted award in 1976.

Pirtle told el DON he will retire in three years and hopes to coach all the Athletes of the Year. The 57-year-old Oklahoma native said he has been offered other coaching jobs but is unsure exactly what he'll do.

The mentor celebrated his birthday a day before his team qualified for the state tourney. "The best present you can get," he said enthusiastically.

For 1978, Pirtle thinks his club "should be able to claim the conference championship." SAC will return Jim Knickerbocker, Jeff Van Harte, Craig Horn, Ron Jacobson, Bob Stahl and Tim Vasquez for next year's squad.

Reflecting on the tourney, Pirtle said, "They (his team) were a very disgusted group." But he added, "They didn't blame anybody. They are a great bunch of guys."

Maybe that's what has brought success to SAC's golf program. Pirtle thinks so.

Foot Notes

SAC's first baseman Dennis Kause was named to the first team, All-South Coast Conference last week, while Marty Castillo was selected for the second team, and Gilbert Ramirez, Kevin McCarthy and John Nastasi were picked as honorable mentions.

Kause led the fourth-place Dons with a .426 batting average in SCC play. His hitting percentage was fourth best among the first team selections.

Castillo hit .417 and was awarded infield all-star status.

Ramirez hit 14 doubles and eight home runs; McCarthy hit .273 as the ninth batter in the lineup, and Nastasi hit .280 before a late-season injury.

SCC champ Cerritos' Jim Wilson was named the Player of the Year, and his coach, Wally Kincaid, was selected as the top coach, with the best record in community college baseball.

SAC's Spring League soccer team defeated Fullerton College 2-0 last Saturday to claim the league title.

Tomorrow, the Dons will host Mission College at 3 p.m. Next week, they conclude action against El Camino.

The league was formed to provide practice for the official conference in the fall. Last year, SAC won the South Coast Conference crown and placed second in the state.

SAC is 6-0-1 thus far.

Coach Jim Reach has announced the first annual "Over-the-Line" baseball tournament to be held June 25 and 26.

The tourney will include two divisions. One for high school students and another for all comers.

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Women get kicks practicing soccer

by Sean Reily

When SAC's women's soccer team takes the field in the cold gray of the early morning, it looks hardly like what Coach Dan Goldmann calls a "friendly practice."

At first, the girls faces register the grit and stress that their conditioning drills bring. Laps around the grass, running and ball handling aren't the most comfortable way to begin a day. When the fundamentals are over, the squad is divided into two sides and the scrimmage begins.



Gloria Sanchez
It's been all practice

Now come the smiles. The teammates begin chattering and kidding among themselves. A fine kick or defensive play is acknowledged with a compliment. The players act much more like friends than a competitive team.

"I saw some of the girls playing and it looked like fun," said Susan Morris one of the players. "It's a good way to meet people and get exercise. I

like the game because of the competition and because its non-stop."

This is the first year that soccer has been offered for females at SAC. Goldmann feels for the amount of time the women have been playing the sport, their progress is exceptionally good. Goldmann admits that their stamina is not quite that of the men, but they make up for it with enthusiasm.

"Women's soccer is in its infancy at this college. We only have two or three girls who've played before," said the SAC men's coach.

For Goldmann, the time invested with the new team has been enjoyable. It was a bigger challenge for him than forming his men's team, and he could see their accomplishments almost daily, which is a reward in itself.

Most of the girls heard of the team from the campus bulletin or by word-of-mouth. Even with the lack of publicity, they have received a large enough response to field an interscholastic team.

"I enjoy the competition," said Marina Molina, another of the soccer players. "I like to keep playing and see us get better," she added.

Since this is the premiere season for women's soccer, there hasn't been too much pressure placed on accomplishments. The emphasis seems to be toward building a program for the future.

Because of an error in the production of the summer school schedule, Goldmann's class in co-ed soccer will not appear in the booklet. For those interested, though, the class will be offered from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights throughout the summer session.

New look

Stoner named as SID

"I was sitting at my desk when I received the call and when they said I had the job, I spun around in my chair, and shouted at the top of my voice 'I got the job, I got the job!'"

That was Terri Stoner's reaction upon discovering she was SAC's new sports information director. That's right, Terri Stoner is a female.

In fact, the final three candidates out of over 50 applicants for the job left vacant with the departure of Steve Dawson were women. Thus, for the first time in SAC's 62 year history, a woman has the title of "Sports Information Director."

Another fact about Stoner that is surprising is that she hasn't even graduated from college yet. She is a senior at Long Beach State and will be receiving her B.A. in Public Relations at the end of this semester.

"When I applied for the job, I thought it was as a public information assistant only," Stoner said. "I walked in for my interview, saw six people waiting to interview me, and I said to myself 'what's going on here, six people to interview an assistant?'"

Then, she discovered that she would also be sports information director and nearly went into shock. "But I said to myself, 'what the heck, it's what I've always wanted.'"

Stoner's new job is not her first association with sports. She was sports editor for the *News Enterprise*, a weekly paper in her home town of Los Alamitos. She also worked on the campus newspaper at Long Beach State and has been in journalism for the past three years.

One of her first major tasks, according to Stoner, is to meet

and establish a good rapport with the coaches at SAC. "This is absolutely essential if I am to have any degree of success here," she explained.

Stoner does not believe that her being a female will hinder her duties as SID. For example, track coach Howard Brubaker asked her how she would be able to succeed if she could not go into the locker rooms. To which the 21-year-old blonde replied, "That's okay, no other SID has gone in either."

Stewart Case, director of Community Services for SAC, expresses willingness in sharing duties with Stoner. "I'm looking forward to working with her," said Case. "Her job was vacant for nearly two months; we have a lot of work to accomplish."

Terri comes to us highly regarded and highly recommended, and we are happy to have her with us."

Stoner wishes to stay in the public relations field. "I don't really want to work for a newspaper," she said. She also does not have any immediate plans to further her education. "I'm happy to be here, and I want to do a good job for SAC."

Terri Stoner has a number of hurdles to clear, but plans to attack them one at a time. "I'm glad to be coming to SAC at this time because I will have the whole summer to learn my job. By the fall semester arrives, I should be rarin' to go."

If her work matches her enthusiasm, Stoner should give SAC a big lift in public relations.



"I got the job, I got the job" -- Terri Stoner, a 21-year-old senior at Long Beach State who will graduate in June, was hired as SAC's new Sports Information Director and the appointment was a surprise for her. She will be the first women SID of the Dons.

Kim 'Burns' top state tennis player

by Raymond Crawford

Kim Burns, an obscure unheralded star on the SAC women's tennis team, electrified the Central League tournament last Saturday when she defeated tourney favorite Karen Williams of Santa Barbara (3-6, 6-4, 6-4) to claim the title of "best female singles player."

Her radiant performance culminated one of the most sparkling careers that a woman tennis player has enjoyed while wearing a Don uniform.

"Kim is probably the best female competitor that I've coached here," said a smiling Mary Mras, the mentor of the women's squad.

"She's very intelligent and extremely quick. Now, she doesn't have the smooth, fluid stroke that some of your better tennis players possess, but she compensates for those qualities with her great court sense and anticipation to the ball."

"But even more important," adds Mras emphatically, "Kim just doesn't like to lose. She's a super competitor!"

Burns, who sports a "cute" Dorothy Hamill wedge hair cut, rattles her opponents with intense concentration. Her incredible game savvy is subconsciously planned with all the skill of an accomplished chess wiz.

Furthermore, her diminutive stature (5'3", 112 lbs.) enables her to get to balls faster than the taller, more awkward girls she frequently battles.

"I must admit that my speed and quickness gives the other girls a hard time," said the 19-year-old soph candidly.

"I enjoy tennis a lot because it requires a lot of running."

Ironically, Burns' interest for the net game materialized from a "love match" three years ago.

"I used to like this guy in high school who played tennis," explained the charming Cancerian. "So, my brother,

who also plays tennis, taught me how to play the game. I enjoyed it and really started getting into it."

A graduate of the El Modena class of '75, the athletically inclined brunette adores the tennis styles of Yvonne Goolagong Cawley and Billie Jean King. Says Burns, "They're both so smooth and graceful!"

In addition to tennis, the petite little starlet enjoys horseback riding, snow skiing, backpacking and, oddly enough, motorcycle riding. "I have my T.S. Suzuki 185," said Burns proudly. "I ride it to school periodically, and on the weekends, I go dirt riding."

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